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no excuse here for estimating such a distance rather than measuring it.
W. J. HUSSEY.

### DISCOVERY OF THE DOUBLE STAR *IOTA SERPENTIS.*

With the thirty-six-inch refractor on the night of July 17, 1902, I found this 4.5th-magnitude star to be a close double. The components are of sensibly the same brightness. My measures of position angle and distance are as follows:—

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1902.542 | $71^\circ.4$ | $0'' 20$ | |
| .545 | $72\ .3$ | $0\ .21$ | |
| 1902.54 | $71^\circ.8$ | $0''.20$ | 2 n. |

The position of ι *Serpentis* for the epoch 1900.0 is:—

R. A. $= 15^h\ 37^m\ 5^s.51.$
Decl. $= +\ 19^\circ\ 59'\ 32''.2.$

Its proper motion is small.

I have also found some other new double stars in this vicinity. The 7.5th-magnitude star 4′ north and $9^m$ preceding ι *Serpentis* is one of these. Its distance is about a third of a second, and the components are of the same magnitude.
W. J. HUSSEY.

### CHANGES IN THE LICK OBSERVATORY STAFF.

Dr. HEBER D. CURTIS has been appointed Assistant in the Lick Observatory for three years, dating from the departure of the Mills Expedition to Chile, with principal duties in spectroscopy. Dr. CURTIS is a graduate of Michigan University, A. B., '92, and A. M., '93; was professor of mathematics and astronomy in the University of the Pacific, 1897-1900; was an eclipse observer in Georgia, 1900, and Sumatra, 1901; and has this year taken his Ph. D. degree at the University of Virginia.

Mr. C. A. G. WEYMOUTH, of the class of 1902, University of California, has been appointed Fellow in Astronomy at the Lick Observatory.
W. W. CAMPBELL.

### HONORARY DEGREE FOR DIRECTOR CAMPBELL.

The University of Wisconsin conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon Professor W. W. CAMPBELL,